

RECORDS OF HYMENOPTEROUS PARASITES IN  
PENNSYLVANIA

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Definite breeding records of Hymenopterous parasites are always valuable contributions to our knowledge of this order of insects. The following collection of fragmentary records of parasitic Hymenoptera and their hosts are from rearings by the author, and from notes in the file of the Bureau of Plant Industry, extending over a period of years. Due credit for the records obtained appears throughout the paper.

The recorded species which are in the collection of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Plant Industry were all identified or verified by leading authorities on Hymenoptera,—S. A. Rohwer and R. A. Cushman of the U. S. National Museum, and some by H. L. Viereck of the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey. The abbreviations—Det. Roh., Det. Cush., Det. Vier.—designate the species identified by each.

*Evaniidæ*

*Hemistephanus* sp. (Det. Cush.). Hummelstown, Pa., Rockville, Pa., Magnolia, Md., is a parasite of *Dicerca divaricata* in *Betula lenta* and of unknown borers in *Quercus bicolor* and *Quercus* sp. Notes by H. B. Kirk and J. N. Knull.

*Oleisoprister abbotii* Westw., Hummelstown, Pa., reared from *Liriodendron tulipifera* infested by *Leptura mutabilis*.

*Odontaulacus bilobatus* (Prov.), (Det. Roh.) Mt. Holly, Pa., June 14, 1921—Knull and Champlain. Adults were flying around and alighting on dying hemlock *Tsuga canadensis*. Upon cutting into the bark a heavy infestation of *Melanophila fulvoguttata* was found in adult and pupal stages. In some cells adults and pupæ (one to a cell) of *O. bilobatus* were found with remnants of the host.

*Odontaulacus rugitarsis* Cress. (Det. Cush.) New Bloomfield, Pa., June 16. Adults were plentiful flying around and alighting on eut white pine (*Pinus strobus*) infested by Scolytoids and Cerambycids.

*Pammegischia burquei* Prov. (Det. Cush.), Harrisburg, Pa. A parasite of *Xiphidria champlaini* Roh. in dead branches of *Carpinus caroliniana*; *X. attenuata* Nort. in dead branches of *Tilia americana* and of *X. maculata* in dead *Acer rubrum*. Adults fly during May.

#### Braconidæ

*Macrocentrus delicatus* Cress. (Det. Vier.). Willow Street, Pa. Reared from pupæ of *Mineola indiginella*.

*Helconidea ligator* Say (Det. Cush.), Hummelstown, Pa., Jan. 23. Reared from oak (*Quercus bicolor*) infested by *Purpuricenus axilaris*. J. N. Knull; West Chester, Pa. Reared from dead *Morus* sp. infested by borers, Camp Hill, Pa., from dead *Robinia pseudacacia*, infested by *Neodytus erythrocephalus*, F. M. Trimble.

*Helconidea borealis* Cress. (Det. Roh.), Harrisburg, Pa. Parasite on Cerambycid larva in dead *Rhus toxicodendron*, H. B. Kirk, Hummelstown, Pa. Parasite of Cerambycid larvæ in dead mulberry (*Morus rubra*) branches,—J. N. Knull.

*Helcon pedalis* Cress. (Det. Roh.), Hummelstown, Pa. Parasite on *Xylotrechus* larvæ in dead hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), —J. N. Knull.

#### Ichneumonidæ

*Nemeritis canescens* (Grav.) (Det. Cush.), Butler, Pa., IX. 25. In flour mills. A parasite of Mediterranean flour moth.

*Orthopelma luteolata* (Grav.) (Det. Cush.), Chester, Pa. VI-27. Reared from Cynip galls on wild rose.

- Cremastus gracilipes* Cush. (Det. Cush.), Rockville, Pa. Reared from cat tail rush infested by *Dicymolomia julianalis*; Collins, Pa. Lepidopterous larvæ infesting "cat-tails" growing along canal, caged IX-22, indoors—Nov. 23 to next April, many moths and ichneumonid parasites emerged—A. F. Satterthwait." Identified same as above.
- Labena apicalis* Cress. (Det. Cush.), Rockville, Pa. Parasite of *Stenosphenus notatus* in *Hicoria* sp., I-II,—J. N. Knull.
- Xorides calidus* (Prov.) (Det. Roh.), Harrisburg, Pa. Parasite of *Phlocotrya* 4—*maculata* in dead sumac (*Rhus typhina*).
- Odontomerus canadensis* Prov. (Det. Cush.), Hummelstown, Pa., V-18. Parasite of Cerambycid in sumac (*Rhus* sp.), Knull.
- Glypta simplicipes* Cress. (Det. Cush.), Philadelphia, Pa., V-20. Reared from larva of leaf tyer on *Azalea* sp.,—J. K. Primm.
- Scambus (Epiurus) tecumseh* Vier. (Det. Cush.). Host—*Dicymolomia julianalis* Walsh, in cat-tail rush, Rockville, Pa., VI-6 to 19.
- Tromatobia rufopectus* Cress. (Det. Cush.). "Harrisburg, Pa., collected egg mass of garden spider from shrub. On opening egg cocoon found that eggs had been parasitized by an Ichneumonid, and the case contained a dozen or more whitish cocoons matted together. Upon opening one of these cocoons found the parasite in mature larval stage. Material caged. March 22 the parasites had emerged. There were twelve females and one male,—J. R. Stear."
- Scambus indigator* Walsh (Det. Vier.), Willow Street, Pa. Reared from pupa of *Mineola indiginella* Zell.
- Perithous pleuralis* Cress. (Det. Cush.), Hummelstown, Pa. Cocoons found in old (borer?) burrows in *Platanus occidentalis*, II-17—Knull.
- Ephialtes aequalis* (Prov.) (Det. Cush.), Ledy, Pa., from Codling moth puparia.

*Ichneumon irritator* Fab., New Cumberland, Pa. Host—*Cyllene pictus*. Hummelstown, Pa., parasite of *Chrysothris* sp. larvæ found in sapwood of dead *Cercis canadensis*,—Kirk and Knull.

*Ichneumon comstocki* Cress. (Det. Vier.), Rockville, Pa. Reared from *Evetria comstockiana*,—V. A. E. Dæeke.

*Rhyssa lineolata* Kirby (Det. Cush.), Mt. Holly, Pa., June 14. Adult female ovipositing in dead hemlock infested by *Urocerus albicornis*.

*Urocerus albicornis* Fab., New Bloomfield, Pa. This horntail infested hemlock stumps, trees cut one year ago. At this time (Aug. 1) adult females are flying. Cutting into infested stumps we found pupæ of males and females, also mature larvæ, small larvæ and apparently newly hatched larvæ, as well as parasites.

Among the parasites, *R. lineolata* was common. Adults were collected from July 10 to 30 at various localities. On Aug. 1, at New Bloomfield, pupæ and newly transformed adults were chopped from the *Urocerus* cells. Observation by Knull and Champlain.

*Rhysella humida* Say (Det. Cush.), Rockville, Pa. A parasite of *Xiphidria champlaini* Roh. in dead *Carpinus caroliniana*.

*Megarhyssa nortoni* (Cress.), New Bloomfield, Pa., July 21 and August 1. Adults ovipositing in stumps infested by *Urocerus albicornis*,—Knull and Champlain.

*Arotes formosus* (Cress.) (Det. Cush.), Dauphin, Pa., Clarks Valley, VI-5. Parasite of *Bellamira scalaris* in dead river birch (*Betula nigra*),—Kirk and Champlain.

*Gelis bruesi* (Strickl.) (Det. Cush.), Rockville, Pa. Parasite on the eggs of Drassid spider. The spider egg cases were collected from the under side of stones. The cocoon of the parasite was in the space originally occupied by the spider egg mass.

*Gelis obscurus* (Cress.) (Det. Cush.), Rockville, Pa. Parasite on the eggs of Drassid spider. Both winged and wingless forms were reared.

*Acroricnus junceus* Cress. (Det. Vier.), Conewago, Pa., V-7. Reared from nest of solitary wasp on *Juniperus*. Also reared from nest of *Odynerus tigris*,—V. A. E. Daecke.

*Itamoplex vinctus* (Say). (Det. Cush.), Chambersburg, Pa., Reared from cocoons of peach tree borer (*Synanthedon exitosa*),—E. M. Craighead.

*Agrothereutes nuncius* Say (Det. Vier.), Harrisburg, Pa. Very common parasites in the cocoons of *Callosamia promethea*.

*Lagarotis diprioni* Roh. (Det. Cush.), Wyomissing, Pa. Reared from the cocoons of *Diprion lecontei*.

*Chromocryptus nebraskensis* Ashm. (Det. Cush.), Obelisk, Pa., XI-18. Reared IV-21, from the cocoon of *Tolyte relleda*.

*Amblyteles*. Many species of this genus overwinter in the adult stage in cracks in bark, in old borer cells in logs and beneath stones. During the winter months they may be found packed closely together in cells in logs, six to a dozen specimens, sometimes one species, often a number of species together. Many of the records show that they are primary parasites of Lepidoptera, and usually emerge after the host has entered the pupal stage.

*Amblyteles malacus* Say (Det. Cush.), Harrisburg, Pa. Emerged IV-18 from Aretiid pupa from beneath bark in old willow log. Linglestown, Rockville, Harrisburg, Pa. Reared from Aretiid pupæ,—Kirk and Champlain.

*Amblyteles cincticornis* (Cress.) (Det. Vier.), Enid, Pa. Reared from moth pupa on cabbage. Adults collected in hibernation.

*Amblyteles subcyaneus* Cress. (Det. Vier.), Harrisburg, Pa. Reared from Aretiid pupæ from under bark of willow log,—A. F. Satterthwait & W. S. Fisher.

- Amblyteles extrematatis* (Cress.) (Det. Vier.). (Det. Cush.), Penbrook, Pa. Reared from pupa of Aretiid (*Gaberasa ambigualis*), D. K. McMillan. Also reared from Aretiid pupæ from other localities in Pennsylvania.
- Amblyteles unifasciatorius* (Say) (Det. Cush.), Harrisburg, Pa. Reared from Lepidopterous pupa.
- Amblyteles paratus* Say (Det. Cush.), Linglestown, Pa. Reared from small moth pupa,—Kirk and Champlain.
- Amblyteles rufiventris* Brullé (Det. Cush.). From pupa of *Vanessa huntera*,—D. K. McMillan & W. S. Fisher. (Det. Vier.). Emerged from pupa of *Vanessa cardui*,—P. R. Myers.
- Amblyteles duplicatus* Say (Det. Cush.), Enola, Pa. Reared from pupæ of *Eudamus tityrus*,—Kirk and Champlain.
- Amblyteles cæruleus* Cress. (Det. Cush.), Harrisburg, Pa. Reared from moth pupa,—Kirk and Knull.
- Amblyteles* sp. near *signatipes* (Cress.) (Det. Cush.). Reared from moth pupa collected beneath bark, Harrisburg, Pa., II-24,—P. R. Myers.

#### *Vanhorniidae*

- Vanhornia eucnemidarum* Cwfd. Parasite of *Tharops ruficornis* in dead maple, Hummelstown, Pa.,—Knull and Champlain.

#### *Ibaliidae*

- Ibalia ensiger* Norton, (Verified Roh.) New Bloomfield, Pa.,—VIII. Ovipositing in hemlock, August 1, pupæ and adults from cells of *Urocerus albicornis* in stumps of hemlock,—Knull and Champlain.
- Ibalia maculipennis* Haldeman. (Det. Champlain). Very common in the vicinity of Harrisburg where it is a parasite of *Tremex columba* in hickory.